



FORM

FORM - DEVIATION REQUEST SUBMISSION

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RELATED DOCUMENTS

- [Deviations Approval Requirements and Procedures](#)

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1| General Guidelines

1.1 | Applicability

- 1.1.1 | This form is to be completed for projects (project activities/PoAs/VPAs) seeking deviation or is/are at a risk of deviating from any [applicable requirements](#), GS4GG-specific requirements listed in the applicable [Methodologies](#) or any other deviations occurring in any of the various aspects of the project.
- 1.1.2 | Refer to the latest version of [Deviation Request Requirements and Procedures](#) for detailed information on the procedures and requirements.
- 1.1.3 | This form can be used in the following instances i.e.,
 - a. Deviation from GS4GG requirements and/or applicable methodologies prior to submission for certification with GS4GG.
 - b. Temporary changes to a certified project - which include changes from the registered monitoring plan, the applied methodologies or other standard documents - that are expected **not** to occur beyond a given monitoring period.
- 1.1.4 | For any permanent changes to a design certified project, the requirements set in [Design Change Approval Requirements and Procedures](#) shall be followed.

2| Submission of deviation form

- 2.1.1 | This form shall be submitted in Microsoft Word (.doc) format to Gold Standard at deviations@goldstandard.org
- 2.1.2 | Forms with incomplete/inaccurate information shall not be considered for review and shall be returned to the applicant.

3| Implementation of deviation decision

- 3.1.1 | The decision prescribed in this form shall be considered by the entity applying for deviation for further course of action.

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4 | Decision summary

To be completed by Gold Standard

4.1 | General information

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| DEVIATION REFERENCE NUMBER | DEVREQ-237 |
| Date of decision | 31/10/2025 |
| Decision | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved [No precondition to apply the deviation decision] <input type="checkbox"/> Conditionally approved [Decision is subject to compliance with the precondition defined below] <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved [reason for rejection is provided in decision summary] |

4.2 | Decision

4.2.1 | Decision Summary

The Deviation request is approved.

The project developer shall note that the decision is based on the information provided in the deviation request form and only against the applicable standard requirement quoted in the form below by the developer.

4.2.2 | Directions for the project developer/CME, if applicable

PD shall submit the design certification Renewal as soon as possible, not exceeding 6 months from the deviation decision date, ensuring full compliance with applicable Gold Standard requirements.

4.2.3 | Directions for the Validation and Verification Body (VVB), if applicable

VVB shall document compliance with the deviation decision in the validation report.

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

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4.3 | Applicability to other activities

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| Is this decision applicable to other projects under similar circumstances? ¹ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? ² | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

Precedent details (if applicable to other activities)

NA

¹ If this is marked yes, this means that any other project (PoA/VPA/PA) in similar situation may apply the decision of this deviation to their project as well. The project developer/VVB may quote this deviation decision in the relevant certification documents. This is relevant to only the projects which have already entered the certification cycle with GS4GG.

² If this is marked yes, it means the decision is valid to all the future projects which will enter the certification cycle with the similar situation. This is relevant to all the projects which are not yet design certified with GS4GG or have not submitted their documents for preliminary review yet.

5 | Deviation Request Details

To be completed by the entity requesting deviation - (Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB)

5.1 | Submitted by

- Project developer
- CME
- VVB
- Other (specify...)

5.2 | Details of the entity and its representative submitting the form

| Item | Information |
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| Name ³ : | Serim Baysun |
| Email ID ⁴ : | Serim.baysun@biosolutions.com.tr |
| Organisation ⁵ : | Biosolutions LLC |
| Are you an authorized project participant as per the cover letter submitted for this activity? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

5.3 | Background information

| Type | <input type="checkbox"/> Project activity | <input type="checkbox"/> PoA GSXXXX | <input type="checkbox"/> VPA |
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| GS ID | GS7527 | | |
| Host country(ies) | TURKEY | | |
| Project Title | IZMIR ODEMIS BIOGAS POWER PLANT PROJECT | | |
| Registry link | https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1963 | | |
| Scale | <input type="checkbox"/> Microscale (GS) <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large scale <input type="checkbox"/> Other, if applicable please specify below <i>Insert text here</i> | | |
| Certification Status and corresponding | <input type="checkbox"/> Listed | <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified project <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>If other, specify here</i> |

³ Name of the individual representing the entity requesting the deviation

⁴ Email ID for further correspondence related to the deviation request

⁵ The name of the entity requesting the deviation

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| date of latest status | dd/mm/yyyy | dd/mm/yyyy | 01/04/2025 | dd/mm/yyyy |
| Applied version of Standard | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GS4GG <input type="checkbox"/> Previous version of Gold Standard Version no. <input type="checkbox"/> 1.0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1.1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1.2 <input type="checkbox"/> 2.2 | | | |
| Transition date, if applicable | From previous GS version to GS4GG | | dd/mm/yyyy | |
| | From another standard to GS4GG | | dd/mm/yyyy | |
| | Name of another standard | | <input type="checkbox"/> CDM <input type="checkbox"/> Other Name of the Standard – Insert text here | |
| Applicable activity requirement | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy Activity Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Community Services Activity Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>Insert name here</i> | | | |

5.4 | Project deviation history

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| Is there any deviation request(s) for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s) that was submitted to GS previously? If yes, below information. | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Reference number | DEV 278 | | |
| Status of the deviation | <input type="checkbox"/> Approved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rejected | <input type="checkbox"/> Under review |
| Were there any findings (CL, CAR, FAR) raised during any certification step (preliminary review, design and/or performance review etc.) that are relevant to this deviation request? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Summary of the findings <i>Summary of the CL, CAR, FAR not more than 200 words. Include reference to document, page number</i> | | |

6 | Deviation detail

To be completed by the entity requesting deviation (Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB)

6.1 | Standard document reference

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| Standard document reference | Title | Gold Standard Principles and Requirements |
| | Version | V2.1 |
| | Paragraph | 5.1.45 |

6.2 | Description of the deviation

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| Title | Delay in Design Certification Renewal |
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| Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary (e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent (e.g. deviation from requirements prior to submission for certification) |
| | Insert Text here (if required) to support the selection | | |
| Relevant monitoring period, if applicable | Start date | 01/01/2025 | |
| | End date | 31/12/2029 | |
| Summarise the changes | <p>According to clause 5 of Gold Standard's Principles and Requirements document, "Project Cycle", as per subclause 5.1.45 "To maintain Gold Standard Certified Project status beyond five years, a Project must undergo Design Certification Renewal. This process shall begin (defined by the submission of a Renewal opinion by a VVB for Design Review to Gold Standard) no later than the last date of current certification cycle".</p> <p>The project's first Crediting Period ended on 01 January 2025, by which time the Design Certification Renewal should ordinarily have been initiated. However, the project experienced multiple delays, due to an anonymous complaint. The project has undergone an internal investigation by Gold Standard. In line with the approval from Sustain-Cert and Gold Standard compliance and quality teams, the project's first Performance Review was only concluded on 01 April 2025, at which point the project achieved Certified status. Consequently, because the project was not certified until April 2025, it was unable to submit the Design Certification Renewal before the original deadline of 01 January 2025.</p> | | |
| Reason for deviation | <p>As the Design Certification Renewal was not submitted before the 01 January 2025, and as pointed on subclause 5.1.46 of the Principles and Requirements document, "Delay in the completion of re-validation beyond the last date of current certification cycle shall result in a reduction of any issuance of Certified Products and/or Impact Statements available during following certification cycle (for example, a delay of 1 year beyond the first cycle shall mean that no Certified Impact Statements shall be issued for the period of delay)" The reason the Design Certification Renewal was not submitted before the original deadline of 01 January 2025 lies outside the Project Owner's control. The project has been paused and then checked by the compliance team and Quality teams of Gold Standard due to an anonymous complaint and after the approval from Gold Standard the performance review continued and every review round has taken more time than expected as our answers for the findings were firstly reviewed by Sustain-Cert and then by Gold Standard. Also some project reviews had some delays due to the transition from Sustain-Cert to Gold Standard. Sustain-Cert have not responded back to us on timely manners and we sent several reminders to Sustain-Cert to finalize the performance review no: 1 so we can proceed with the certification renewal and the Performance Review no:2.</p> <p>So To avoid any reduction in the issuance of Certified Products, and on behalf of the Project Owner, ARF Yenilenebilir Enerji Üretim A.S, I</p> | | |

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| | <p>respectfully request the granting of an exception)" The reason the Design Certification Renewal was not submitted before the original deadline of 01 January 2025 lies outside the Project Owner's control as the performance review no:1 was finalized by 01/04/2025. The project owner could not decide to complete the design certification renewal before achieving certified status. Project owner has been able to sign a contract with the VVB on 19/08/2025.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| Proposed resolution | <p>On behalf of the Project Owner, ARF Yenilenebilir Enerji Üretim Anonim Şirketi, I respectfully request that Gold Standard permit the submission of the Design Certification Renewal at this stage, without applying the 12 to 15-month reduction in the issuance of Certified Products (starting from 01 January 2025 to the present). Project owner has been able to sign a contract with the VVB on 19/08/2025. And working on the completion of the certification renewal process as soon as possible.</p> <p>This request is based on the justifications and supporting evidence provided in this document. We are fully committed to complying with GS requirements and moving forward. We appreciate your careful consideration and look forward to your guidance on this subject.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project? | <p>Select the relevant area:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project design <input type="checkbox"/> Local stakeholder consultation <input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding principles <input type="checkbox"/> SDG assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Additionality <input type="checkbox"/> Applicability of methodology <input type="checkbox"/> Annual emission reduction volume (<i>if yes, fill the table below</i>)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Annual emission reduction/ removal before applying deviation</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Annual emission reduction/ removal after applying deviation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>XYZ tCO₂e</td> <td>XYZ tCO₂e</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify...</td> </tr> </table> | Annual emission reduction/ removal before applying deviation | Annual emission reduction/ removal after applying deviation | XYZ tCO ₂ e | XYZ tCO ₂ e | | | <input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify... | |
| Annual emission reduction/ removal before applying deviation | Annual emission reduction/ removal after applying deviation | | | | | | | | |
| XYZ tCO ₂ e | XYZ tCO ₂ e | | | | | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify... | | | | | | | | | |
| Summary of the impact | <p>Describe the impact of the deviation on each relevant aspect of the project as selected above. Please substantiate the impact assessment with relevant and verifiable data/information.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Insert text here</p> | | | | | | | | | |

6.3 | VVB information

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| <p>Is a VVB opinion on the deviation request required?</p> <p><i>VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the requirements under Deviations Request Requirements and</i></p> | <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.</i></p> |
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| <i>Procedures or request is submitted by the VVB.</i> | |
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6.4 | VVB's assessment

The below information is to be completed by VVB, if applicable.

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| VVB's assessment of deviation request | Please confirm the nature of deviation. | |
| VVB's assessment of impact of deviation request | | |
| VVB recommendation | | |
| VVB details | VVB name: | |
| | Auditor name(s): | |
| | Email (s): | |

6.5 | Documents:

6.5.1 | List of documents provided (*note that once a decision has been made by Gold Standard, this deviation form will be made public on the Gold Standard website. Kindly refrain from including any confidential information in the form.*)

E-mail transaction with Gold Standard

VVB Contract for Certification Renewal

DOCUMENT HISTORY

| VERSION NUMBER | RELEASE DATE | DESCRIPTION |
|----------------|--------------|--|
| 6.0 | 12.11.2024 | Editorial and structural changes to the template |
| 5.0 | 11.04.2022 | Additional information added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - date of listing, design certification, transition - standard version - specific reference to a requirement deviated from - any previous deviations/design changes approved - Guidance on VVB opinion |
| 4.0 | 14.01.2021 | Editorial changes |
| 3.0 | 16.07.2020 | Editorial changes |
| 2.0 | 03.05.2018 | Editorial changes |
| 1.0 | 01.07.2017 | Initial adoption |